



IFW RCE 1772
MAIL STOP RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P. Lippens et al. Attorney Docket No.: WPTA116373
Application No.: 09/673,428 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: December 5, 2000 Examiner: C.A. Simone
Title: SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING
OF VALUE DOCUMENTS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
AMENDMENT/ PETITION FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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May 26, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated December 1, 2003, set to expire on March 1, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on June 1, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$950.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	770
Total Claims	23	38	= 0	x 18	= 0
Independent Claims	1	1	= 0	x 86	= 0
Extension of Time				+ 950	950
TOTAL					\$1720

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- X 4. Check No. 155733 in the amount of \$1720, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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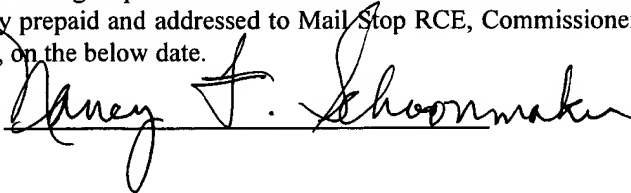
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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